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Specifically, the \$1,550,000 will be used to construct an addition at the Iowa National Guard's Davenport Aviation Readiness Center and to modify existing outdated facilities. The number of soldiers training at the Davenport Aviation Readiness Center has recently increased by over 40%, and this funding will be used to increase the facilities' capacity.

"The Iowa National Guard provides our first line of response during times of emergency, and it is absolutely essential that we provide our troops with the facilities and equipment they need to serve Eastern Iowa and our country," Braley said. "These facilities will help improve the readiness and training capacities of the Iowa National Guard, and I'm proud to have helped secure this funding."

The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.